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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & 1.98**

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Sir:

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A copy of "Using SANs and NAS", which is listed on the Search Report, was previously submitted on March 18, 2004. Therefore, a copy is not attached.

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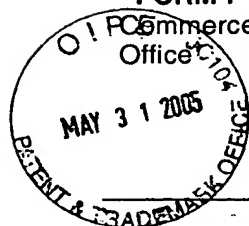
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	<b>6,145,028</b>	<b>11-2000</b>	<b>SHANK et al.</b>			
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	ABSTRACT	
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	<b>JP 2003-99384</b>	<b>4-2003</b>	<b>JAPAN</b>			<b>X</b>	

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

	<p><b>"VERITAS Volume Manager 3.5 – Administrator's Guide (Solaris)", INTERNET ARTICLE, "Online", July 2002, XP002319748, retrieved from the Internet: URL: <a href="http://ftp.support.veritas.com/pub/support/products/VolumeManager_UNIX/248606.pdf">http://ftp.support.veritas.com/pub/support/products/VolumeManager_UNIX/248606.pdf</a>., retrieved on 2005-02-25</b></p>

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